SUBJECT No. 22.

Free grazing in State Forests.

Messrs. Santappa Setti, Kadur District Board, and Chikmallappa, Gundlupet Taluk.

*Mr. Santappa Setti.*—District forests which are reserved for grazing purposes are situated at a distance from the villages while the State Forests are at our doors. The consequence is that as soon as our cattle enter these forests the owner of the cattle is fined and the cattle are driven to the cattle pounds. Moreover the grass in these State Forests is not utilised for any useful purpose, and on the other hand it is a source of loss to Government as a result of fire, etc., during the summer season. It is not understood why the grass should not be used by the raiyats instead of being wasted.

*First Member of Council.*—It is not possible to grant the request. Every endeavour will be made to shift the boundaries of the State Forests, when they are too close to inhabited villages as has already been done in several cases.

## REVENUE.—(REGISTRATION).

*(No. 23.)*

SUBJECT No. 23.

(1) Levy of fees on documents by stamps in the Registration Department.

(2) Change of procedure in the registration of documents.

(1) Mr. B. Kesavaiya, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(2) Messrs. Siddagangappa, Ramasamudra Municipality, Venkatasamaiya and Dorasamaiengar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

*Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.*—The introduction of stamps in lieu of cash for the registration fees will not work properly, and would at the same time create great hardship for the people. No doubt, the Representative Assembly urged in 1919 to introduce such a system; but we did not know then the real hardship that would be caused if such a system is brought into force. I therefore request that the present system may be continued for some time to come.

*Second Member of Council.*—This subject was brought before this Assembly by the members themselves, and on their representation, an amendment to this effect was taken up recently and passed. The introduction of stamps in lieu of cash does not altogether do away with payment in cash and since the Government would generally use their discretion in all matters, I do not think there would be much hardship.

*Mr. Purushottamanandagiri Goswami.*—This as well as the next subject are allied to each other and may be taken up together. A fee of one rupee is levied for registering a property worth 100 rupees. A court fee stamp may be levied instead of registration fee and stamp. It is always better to have duplicate copies, one to be with the Registration office and one with the applicant. If any document is lost, the applicant will not be put to much trouble as he can get a copy made from the original document which would be in the Registration office. This system will stop taking bribes to a great extent and there will not be much difficulty with regard to the authenticity of the document.

*Dewan.*—Bribery cannot be proved easily. If any proofs are forthcoming to show that a certain official of the Registration Department has taken bribes, serious notice will be taken with regard to his conduct.

*Mr. Purushottamanandagiri Goswami.*—There will not be any proof with regard to the bribes. But the fact that a petty official drawing Rs. 15 a month is in a position to build a house worth about ten to fifteen thousand